SIMSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RESOLUTION PROPOSING CLEAN ENERGY COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, the Simsbury Board of Selectmen promotes conservation and the study of the use of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Legislature has mandated the creation of a clean energy option for consumers who will be able to sign up for clean energy on their electric bill; and

NOW THEREFORE BIT IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, with a commitment to the health of its citizens, commits the Town of Simsbury to the 20% by 2010 campaign where, by the year 2010, the municipal facilities will purchase 20% of energy needs from clean energy sources and that Town staff will investigate options for meeting that goal and beginning the purchases as soon as possible, including purchasing REC's (Renewable Energy Certificates), local clean energy installations and possibly state and federal funding opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Staff explore the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program that provides qualified cities and towns with clean energy systems, free of charge, by meeting certain requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen commits to the allocation, to the extent reasonable feasible, of 100% of any electricity savings to additional Town purchases of clean energy and that the Department of Engineering will oversee the research and implementation of the 20% by 2010 campaign and will produce a progress report by July 1, 2008 to the Board of Selectmen documenting the timeline and potential cost savings of the campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen encourages residents and businesses to choose the clean energy option on their electricity bill when it becomes available, and will declare a Clean Energy Day in the spring to announce the Town's commitment to 20% by 2010 and raise awareness of the clean energy option.

The above amendments to the proposed resolution were accepted by both Mr. Hampton and Ms. Wertheimer and the motion carries unanimously.